## BEFORE THE DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES STATE OF UTAH

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IN THE MATTER OF TENTATIVE

DECISION TO APPROVE A LARGE

MINING AND RECLAMATION PLAN

FOR TEMPLE MOUNTAIN ENERGY

ASPHALT RIDGE LLC TME ASPHALT

RIDGE MINE #1

NOTICE OF TENTATIVE

**DECISION TO APPROVE** 

NO. M0470089

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Notice is hereby given by the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining of its tentative decision to approve the Large Mining Operations Notice of Intention for Temple Mountain Energy Asphalt Ridge LLC, TME Asphalt Ridge Mine #1. Mining activities will affect the following area: Sections 31 and 36, Township 5 South, Range 22 East, SLBM, Uintah County, Utah.

TME intends to expand the Asphalt Ridge Mine from a Small Mine to a Large Mine operation. Reclamation surety will be posted to assure reclamation of the initial 145 acres and ultimately 215 acres of disturbance on private and SITLA land. An overburden stockpile will be created from the Phase 1-2.5 year pit. Future mine expansion to the north will backfill the previous mine pits. Products from the processing of the native tars/asphaltic material are bitumen and silica sand as a secondary product. At the end of mining all processing facilities will be removed and the site regraded, soiled and seeded. The complete Notice may be viewed at the Division's Public Information Center.

Any person or agency aggrieved by this tentative decision to issue approval is hereby requested to submit written protest within thirty (30) days of the date of publication to Dana Dean, Associate Director of Mining, Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, 1594 West North Temple, Suite 1210, Box 145801, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5801, setting forth factual reasons for the complaint.

DATED THIS 16th day of May, 2008

STATE OF UTAH

DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING

Dana Dean

Associate Director, Mining

## CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that I caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing Notice of Tentative Decision to Approve the Large Mining Notice of Intention for Temple Mountain Energy Asphalt Ridge LLC, TME Asphalt Ridge Mine #1, M0470089, to be sent via facsimile, electronic mail, or mailed by first class mail, postage prepaid, the \_\_/\(\bar{\lambda}\) day of May, 2008 to:

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